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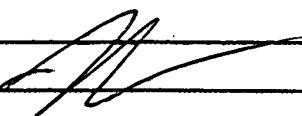
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| JAC                      | BB                    | JP-10-157798-A  | 06-16-1998       | Kirin Techno-System Corp.                           | ✓   |
| JKL                      | BC                    | JP-2001-221748-A  | 08-17-2001       | Owens-Brockway Glass Container                      | ✓   |

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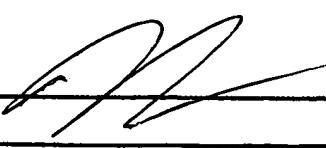
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| XL                       | BB                    | JP-10-082624-A1   | 03-31-1998       | Precision KK; Nippon Glass KK                   | ✓   |
| XL                       | BC                    | JP-2000-214104-A1   | 08-04-2000       | Precision KK; Yoshin Giken KK                   | ✓   |
| XL                       | BD                    | JP-10-160430-A1   | 06-19-1998       | Precision KK; Koa Glass KK                      | ✓   |
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